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SUBJECT:EASUM'S BILATERAL WITH RWANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM MET WITH RWANDAN FONMIN
NSEKALIJE SEPTEMBER 30 AT UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK. AFTER
INITIAL COURTESIES, DURING WHICH EASUM EXPRESSED US
RECOGNITION OF STATESMANLIKE ROLE CURRENT RWANDAN REGIME
PLAYING IN CENTRAL AFRICA, NSEKALIJE RAISED ISSUE OF
US ASSISTANCE, EXPRESSING GOR APPRECIATION OF MODEST US
EFFORT. MR. EASUM POINTED TO THE IMPORTANT FOOD STORAGE
PROJECT, PL-480 AND THE SELF-HELP FUNDS. HE ALSO BROUGHT
THE FONMIN UP TO DATE ON STATUS OF THE PEACE CORPS
AGREEMENT AND INFORMED HIM OF AID'S WILLINGNESS TO
REPAIR THE KIGALI WATER PUMPING FACILITY. WHEN NSEKALIJE
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RAISED THE ISSUE OF NEED FOR EMERGENCY AID FROM US TO

HELP MEET RWANDA'S CURRENT FOOD CRISIS, EASUM INFORMED HIM OF AUTHORIZATION TO EMBASSY TO SPEND \$25,000 IN DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS.

2. TURNING TO UN ISSUES, EASUM REVIEWED INDO-CHINA AND ASIAN PROBLEMS AND CITED OUR INTEREST IN RWANDAN POSITIONS ON THESE ISSUES--SPECIFICALLY PRG,GRUNK AND KOREA. AFTER LISTENING ATTENTIVELY AND GIVING ASSURANCE THAT HE UNDERSTOOD ISSUES AT STAKE AND WAS PERSONALLY SYMPATHETIC TO US INTERESTS AND POSITIONS, NSEKALIJE RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS CONCERNING GOR VIEWS:

3. GOR HAS BEEN UNDER GREAT PRESSURE RECENTLY, ACCORDING TO NSEKALIJE. THIS PRESSURE HAD INCREASED AT BRAZZAVILLE CHIEFS OF STATE CONFERENCE HELD LAST MONTH. CONCERNING KOREA: EVEN THOUGH GOR HAS RELATIONS WITH BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, HIGHLY LIKELY THAT GOR WOULD NOT RHT NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT US POSITION IN UN. CONCERNING PRG: GOR WOULD HAVE "NO PROBLEM" WITH THIS AND WOULD CONTINUE ITS NON-RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF US POSITION. CONCERNING GRUNK: NSEKALIJE INITIALLY STATED "NO PROBLEM" BUT SUBSEQUENTLY BACKED OFF FROM A FIRM COMMITMENT ON NON-RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT FOR US POSITION. HE REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO "GREAT PRESSURES" ON GOR, BUT WE REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT WE CAN AT LEAST COUNT ON GOR ABSTENTION.

4. EASUM EXPRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF PRESSURES UNDER WHICH GOR LABORS AND MADE IT PLAIN TO FONMIN THAT USG DOES NOT EXPECT US-GOR VOTES TO COINCIDE ON EACH AND EVERY ISSUE.

5. NSEKALIJE RENEWED GOR INVITATION FOR EASUM TO VISIT RWANDA. EASUM EXPLAINED HE WAS PLANNING FIRST VISIT TO GENERAL REGION FOR LATER THIS YEAR, CONCENTRATING ON ISSUE OF DECOLONIZATIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND WOULD REGRETFULLY BE UNABLE TO INCLUDE RWANDA. HE HOPED REMEDY THIS IN COURSE OF NEXT VISIT TO AFRICA. INGERSOLL

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